

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE OF HAWAII
(DOCKET NO. R-3-03)**

The State of Hawaii, Department of Health, Disability and Communication Access Board will hold a public hearing to receive testimony on the proposed amendments to chapters 11-216 and 11-217, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), entitled "Disability and Communication Access Board Rules of Practice and Procedures."

The proposed amendments to chapters 11-216 and 11-217, HAR, will add the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act Accessibility Guidelines to the design requirements for persons with disabilities for state and county construction projects. Act 42 of the State Legislature of Hawaii 2002, amended Hawaii Revised Statutes §103-50 to add the design requirements of the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 (as established in title 24 Code of Federal Regulations part 100, subpart D), as adopted and amended by the Disability and Communication Access Board under chapter 348F, to State law and the review process of the Disability and Communication Access Board. The amended rules will establish the requirements for new construction of multi-family dwelling units to conform to the requirements of the rules adopted under the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act and will help to ensure that all newly designed or newly constructed multi-family dwelling facilities under State or county jurisdiction are accessible and useable by persons with disabilities.

A public hearing for chapters 11-216 and 11-217, HAR, will be held in accordance with the following schedule:

Date:	Thursday, May 15, 2003
Place:	Disability and Communication Access Board 919 Ala Moana Boulevard 5 th Floor Conference Room Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
Time:	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

A copy of the proposed amendment is available for review at the address below, or can be mailed to any interested person who requests a copy from the Disability and Communication Access Board, or is available online at <http://www.hawaii.gov/health/dcab/>.

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Written testimony will be accepted until May 15, 2003, at the above address. Any person requiring a special accommodation (i.e., large print materials, sign language interpreter) is asked to call the Disability and Communication Access Board by May 1, 2003.

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Chairperson
Disability and Communication Access Board